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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous claims with the following claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method of distributing and sharing processing loads and increasing fault tolerance between provider equipment and subscriber equipment of an interactive information distribution system, comprising the steps of:

receiving, at a head-end, a request for video information from said subscriber equipment;

executing a video session from at least one of a plurality of managing modules on a primary head-end controller at said head-end;

dedicating, at said head-end, at least one secondary head-end controller respectively having said at least one managing module as a resource for executing said video session, wherein said executing said video session comprises concurrently executing session state processing session-state data of said video session on using a at least one distributed managing module associated with each of said primary head-end controller and said at least one secondary head-end controller;

storing said session-state data from said executed video session on at least one storage device; and

streaming, from a stream server, said video information to said requesting subscriber equipment during a normal mode of operation.

2.   (canceled)

3.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said executing said video session further comprises executing said video session on at least one non-distributed managing module associated with said primary head-end controller.

4.   (original) The method of claim 3, comprising the steps of:

processing said session-state data through said at least one distributed managing module concurrently on said primary head-end controller and said at least

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